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In re Application of  
Akito Nishimura et al  
Application No. 09/720,235  
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**ON PETITION**

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed April 14, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed May 17, 2002, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on August 18, 2002.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Irvin Dingle at (703) 306-5684.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center 2800 for further processing.

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